

WE CLAIM:

1. An interconnect system comprising:
a circuit board comprising a first interface compatible with at least two signal transmission standards;
an electronic component having a second interface conforming to one of the at least two standards; and
a translation adapter interconnecting the circuit board and the electronic component, the translation adapter having a board-mating interface interfacing with the first interface and a component-mating interface interfacing with the second interface.
2. The interconnect system as described in claim 1, wherein the circuit board comprises a plurality of electronic elements arranged thereon.
3. The interconnect system as described in claim 2, wherein the circuit board defines a mating side and has a plurality of Input/Output connectors arranged along the mating side.
4. The interconnect system as described in claim 1, wherein the electronic component is an electrical card.
5. The interconnect system as described in claim 1, wherein the translation adapter comprises a first connector having the board-mating interface, a second connector having the component-mating interface, and a board interconnecting the first and the second connectors.
6. The interconnect system as described in claim 1, wherein the circuit board has a plurality of golden fingers forming the first interface.

7. The interconnect system as described in claim 1, wherein the circuit board has an electrical connector having the first interface therewith.

8. An interconnect system assembly comprising:

a circuit board defining a base interface thereof;

first and second electronic components different from each other and respectively defining different first and second interfaces thereof;

first and second adapters different from each other, the first adapter defining a board-mating interface adapted to be mated with the base interface and a first component-mating interface opposite to said board-mating interface and adapted to be mated with the first interface, and the second adapter defining another board-mating interface similar to said board-mating interface and a second component-mating interface opposite to said another board-mating interface and adapted to be mated with the second interface, said first component-mating interface being different from said second component-mating interface; wherein

said first component along with the first adapter and said second component along with the second adapter are mutually exclusively assembled with the circuit board.